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Dear Mr. Steiner:

We respectfully request your help in ensuring that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources will hold public hearings in the matter of the expansion of Keystone Landfill. You are quoted in the Carroll County Times of September 18, 1985 as saying that public hearings on landfill expansions are not mandatory, but that DER holds meetings when a site is controversial. We think this site qualifies as controversial! We are very hopeful that DER will be willing to hear what the people who live in Keystone's neighborhood have to say about the proposed expansion and its potential impact on our community and our families.

We believe that there are numerous and substantial reasons why public hearings are crucial in this situation. We mention just a few: the prolonged and as yet unresolved controversies over off-site contamination by the existing 35 acre Keystone site, the major watershed divide which runs diagonally through the property, continuing allegations of illegal and non-permitted dumping at the site and Keystone's inclusion on the federal Environmental Protection Agency's proposed clean-up list. In addition, we hope you will consider that the rights of the residents of Union Township and Silver Run are important enough to be heard by your agency. We all have a heavy investment in the future of our community, and the impact of a new 211.85 acre landfill in the midst of our farms and residential properties is enormous - and surely important enough to be considered in a public forum.

We hope you will communicate with us as soon as possible about DER's plans for the handling of this matter. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with the Carroll County officials who travelled to your office on our behalf and are hopeful that productive communication can continue from now on.

Sincerely,

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